(d) and (e) Indian Airlines maintains its services competitively with other operators through introduction of promotional fares and by upgrading and adding value to its product.

The Technical Regulatory achieved by Indian Airlines during the year 2002 has been around 99% and the overall on-time performance was 79.01 %. Of the total delays only 1.93% are attributable to Indian Airlines. The remaining delays were beyond the control of Indian Airlines.

Cargo hub project at Nagpur

650. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to shift Cargo hub project from Nagpur to some other place;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the progress made in setting up a Cargo hub at Nagpur;

(d) whether Government has examined the techno-economic feasibility report submitted by State Government; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to develop Nagpur Airport as Multi-modal International Passenger and Cargo Hub. The State Government has carried out preliminary study through Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC). Certain options for development of the facilities of non-metro airports including Nagpur to international standards are being explored which envisage commercial development of city side facilities at airports in joint venture with private sector participation. A comprehensive bill seeking amendment in Airports Authority of India Act 1994 is also under processing in this regard. No final decision has been taken regarding cargo hub at Nagpur.